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U. S. Egg Exports

U.S. table egg exports took a sharp knock in 1998. In 1998 only 48.7 million dozen eggs moved into export channels, compared with 60.6 million dozen in 1997 and almost 86 million dozen in 1996. The main reason was a slump in trade with Hong Kong from 27.8 to 20.6 million dozens, and down dramatically from almost 53 million dozen in 1996.

In contrast, sales to Canada have risen steeply from less than 9 million dozen in 1996, to 13.7 in 1997 and over 18 million dozen in 1998. Exports to Mexico over the three years have trended downwards from 7.2 to 4.6 million in 1998, according to USDA statistics. Similarly, sales to the United Arab Emirates have declined from 6.2 to less than 2 million dozen.

Source: International Egg Commission, Monthly Newsletter

World growth up by 3%

Table egg production for 1999 in 29 selected countries throughout the world is forecast to total 769,633 million eggs by USDA economists, or almost 3% more than the provisional figure for 1998 of 747,595 million. Back in 1996, output from these countries, which represents about 90% of the world total, amounted to 643,045 million eggs.

Production in the European Union is flat, having ranged between 82,000 million and 84,000 million since 1994, and the forecast for 1999 is 82,695 million or virtually the same as last year. Production in Canada, Mexico and the U.S.A. is expected to total 118,020 million eggs, up 1.9% on the provisional 1998 figure of 115,774 million.

Although a near 3% increase is foreseen in the total for Brazil and Colombia at 21,972 million, this is still below the 1995 level of 22,977 million.

The recovery in Russia is expected to continue with output rising to 36,000 million, contrasting with a "low" of 31,500 million eggs in 1996.

The country showing the fastest growth is China where production is forecast to rise more than 4.5% to 380,000 million eggs. This is almost 100,000 million above the figure recorded for 1994.

USDA forecasts of egg consumption per person mirror these production estimates. Hence, uptake in the U.S.A. (including egg products) is expected to rise from the provisional figure of 247 eggs for 1998 to 251 eggs!

Source: International Egg Commission, Monthly Newsletter

Israeli Poultry Farming

Israel's poultry sector accounts for about 18.4% of the country's total agricultural output. Consumption of poultry meat and eggs is among the highest in the world: 37 kg (82 lbs.) of chicken, 23 kg (51 lbs.) of turkey and 280 eggs are consumed per capita in Israel annually. Israel produces some 1.65 billion table eggs; 230,000 tons of chicken; 104,500 tons of turkey; and 400 tons of goose liver, mainly for export. Additional sectors of the poultry industry include ostrich farming and geese.

Breeds

Israel's variable climatic conditions necessitated the development of poultry breeds which are highly disease-resistant. These breeds are adaptable to extremes of climate and heat, and they are characterized by a rapid growth rate, high egg production and low-fat meat.

Eggs

Eggs account for some 21% of total poultry production in Israel. Average annual egg production is 280 per layer. Most layers in Israel are of a local breed.

Broilers

This sector includes breeding farms (accounting for some 12% of total poultry production), and pullet and broiler farms (accounting for 46% of total poultry production). Annual meat yield per square meter of broiler house, over the course of five growing cycles, now reaches 150 kg (331 lbs.) Breeding and broiler farms, as well as meat processing, are fully automated.

Turkeys

Israel is the world's largest per capita consumer of turkey meat. The turkey industry represents 17% of total poultry output. A wide variety of processed turkey products are exported, mainly to Western European countries. Pastrami made from turkey meat is an Israeli innovation.

Source: Israel Export Institute

1998-1999 JAPANESE EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Frozen			
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
1998				
January	210.7	1,624.6	272.2	2,107.5
February	128.6	1,280.3	386.9	1,795.8
1998 To-Date	339.3	2,904.9	659.1	3,903.3
1999				
January	170.6	1585.1	912.5	2668.2
February	164.0	647.4	161.2	972.6
1999 To-Date	334.6	2232.5	1073.7	3,640.8

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending May 08, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	583	380	5,006	4,545
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	174	174
Total	583	380	5,186	4,769

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

	Week Ending May 08, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	210	39	1,591	1,507
Frozen	1	14	95	123
Dried	0	0	10	34
Total	211	53	1,696	1,664

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Week Ending May 08, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	17	39	238	281
Extra Large	240	330	9,955	12,335
Large	3,184	1,549	35,565	34,057
Medium	1,110	1,972	16,708	20,349
Ungraded	21,410	3,470	130,939	72,082
Misc	828	100	2,478	1,810
Total	26,789	7,460	195,883	140,914

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-May-99
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,356	1,369	3,725
LAST WEEK	2,147	1,405	3,552
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,382	1,269	3,651
TO-DATE/1999	39,448	24,164	63,612
TO-DATE/1998	37,962	22,290	60,252

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	445	0	445
LAST WEEK	467	18	485
SAME WEEK YR AGO	610	11	621
TO-DATE/1999	8,814	132	8,946
TO-DATE/1998	10,216	179	10,395

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,801	1,369	4,170
LAST WEEK	2,614	1,423	4,037
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,992	1,280	4,272
TO-DATE/1999	48,262	24,296	72,558
TO-DATE/1998	48,178	22,469	70,647

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
May 14, 1999**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	
122,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00	14.00	7.50-12.50	11.50-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	10.00	14.00	10.49	12.16
2,834,400 pounds, this includes 652,800 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
May 14, 1999**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	-	13.41-17.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.06		16.66	17.00

921,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	15.00	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	15.00		16.00
178,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-14.00	14.00	9.50-13.00	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.49	14.00	11.01	13.24
2,262,400 pounds, this includes 504,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

MAY 14, 1999

The market continues strong on thigh meat due mostly to exports, however, increased domestic inquiry is noted on both fresh and frozen. Domestic and export market on tom drums continues to improve with some sellers more confident than others, light to fair on tom necks, full-cut wings light. Market improved on tom breast meat to steady to fully steady and wing meat at least steady. Fresh dehydrated tenders (part load) 152 and open priced (4 loads) June shipments, 10-12 lb. breasts (part loads): Grade A 135, plant grade 125 cents delivered. For export (spot loads): thigh trim 32, scapula 99, tom breast meat 178 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00-15.50		14.79	376	16.86	744
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	30	22.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	18.50	52	18.94	416
TAILS	17.00		17.00	40	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.50-14.00		13.67	608	13.67	608
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00-50.00		46.45	628	45.77	1,972

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.50		18.50	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	208

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-22.00		17.58	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	364
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.15	602
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.00-49.00		44.59	928

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.13	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.67	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.15	602
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00		46.00	52

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.13	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.67	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.15	602
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-45.00		44.33	156

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.